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Representative Frey Announces Homeland Security Grant for Ridgefield



HARTFORD-State Rep. John H. Frey, R-Ridgefield, today announced the Town of Ridgefield will receive a \$79,764 grant from the state's Homeland Security Grant Program. Of the grant, \$57,995 will be administered under the Homeland Security Local Share Distribution Program and the remaining \$21,769 will be used under

the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program.

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) provides financial assistance directly to each of the states and territories to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. SHSP supports the

implementation of identified planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs. Projects that can be funded under the program include establishing communications systems between police and other first responders and training first responders to address chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) incidents.

The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) provides law enforcement agencies with funds to support the following prevention activities: information sharing to preempt terrorist attacks; target hardening to reduce vulnerability of selected high value targets; recognition and mapping of potential or developing threats; counter-terrorism and security planning; interoperable communications; and, interdiction of terrorists before they can execute a threat or intervention activities that prevent terrorists from executing a threat. These funds may be used for planning, organization, training, exercises, and equipment.

"These funds will help prepare Ridgefield's first responders for a variety of emergencies," said Rep. Frey, who serves as an Assistant Minority Leader. "Providing the latest equipment and training will help better protect our community."

In 2004, the Homeland Security Grant Program provided Ridgefield 70 protection suits for first responders and four meters that test for radioactivity and gases. The town was also issued a mobile radio unit and control station, designed to standardize emergency communications throughout the state and allow first responders from neighboring communities to easily communicate with each other.

